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SYSTEMS AND METHODS FOR INDUCING MIXED CHIMERISM

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

In the Specification

Page 1, line 4:

RELATED APPLICATIONS

This application claims priority to United States provisional patent Application No. 60/284,005, filed April 16, 2001, which is hereby incorporated by reference herein.

In the Claims

Please cancel claim 2 without prejudice or disclaimer.

Please substitute the following amended claims for those currently pending:

1. (Once Amended) A method of transplanting a donor tissue, the method comprising the steps of:

administering a bone marrow cell transplant from a donor to a recipient; administering a conditioning treatment to the recipient that avoids neutropenia;

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